[*Translation*]

Manufacture of Tractors

3246. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers have begun to use tractors for cultivation in adequate numbers;

(b) whether the production of tractors has increased to a great extent during the last three years but their prices have also gone up;

(c) whether there is a proposal to check the price-rise of agricultural equipments including tractors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Based on the increased sales of tractors, which have gone up from 1,06,249 in 1988-89 to 1,39,419 during 1990-91, it can be concluded that more number of farmers are now using tractors for cultivation.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d). There is, at present, no statutory control on the prices of agricultural implements and machinery, nor Government is considering any such price control on tractors at present.

[*English*]

Fruit Processing Plant in Andhra Pradesh

3247. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh in the second biggest producer of fruits and vegetables;

(b) whether there is no public sector Fruit Processing Plant in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to ser up a Fruit Processing Plant in Public Sector in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). Andhra Pradesh is first in production of fruits and eleventh in production of vegetables. There are four fruit & vegetable processing units in public sector licensed under FPO in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) and (d). Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., has formulated a proposal to set up fruit processing plants in Andhra Pradesh, for production of mainly mango concentrates and tomato, guava, papaya pulps/concentrates at Chitoor and Kakinada.

[*Translation*]

Support Price for Sugarcane

3248. SHRI MOHAN SINGH:
DR. (SMT.) K. S. SOUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the support price announced for sugarcane for the 1991-92 season varies from State to State; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?